IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT

SAHAMITR PRESSURE,	
CONTAINER PLC.,)
Plaintiff-Appellant,)
WORLDWIDE DISTRIBUTION,)
LLLP, Plaintiff,)) No. 24-2043
V.)
UNITED STATES, WORTHINGTON ENTERPRISES, INC.,)))
Defendants-Appellees.)

DEFENDANT-APPELLEE'S RESPONSE TO THIS COURT'S ORDER

Defendant-appellee, the United States, respectfully submits this response to the Court's August 15, 2024 order directing the parties to "identify the source of this court's jurisdiction over" plaintiff Worldwide Distribution, LLLP's ability to participate in this case as an appellant. ECF No. 18 at 3.

This Court does not have jurisdiction over Worldwide Distribution's ability to participate as an appellant. We agree with the Court's reliance on 28 U.S.C. §§ 2107(b), 2645(c) and Fed. R. App. P. 3(c) to require parties to file a notice of appeal within 60 days of a final decision that specify the party taking the appeal. *See* ECF No. 18 at 2. Here, Worldwide Distribution failed to file a notice of appeal. This Court has held that, in a similar situation, a party could not participate as an appellant

in Armstrong Rubber Co. v. United States, 781 F.2d 889 (1986). In Armstrong Rubber, defendant-intervenors at the U.S. Court of International Trade failed to file a notice of appeal. *Id.* at 890. When those same defendant-intervenors moved to intervene into an appeal to this Court, this Court held that, "having failed to file a notice of appeal, movants' motion to participate in this appeal as appellant must be denied." *Id.* at 891.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Court not take jurisdiction over Worldwide Distribution's attempt to participate as an appellant.

Respectfully submitted,

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